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Letter dated 23 February 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and to Security Council resolutions 1951 (2010), 1962 (2010), 1967 (2011) and 1968 (2011), pertaining to the temporary redeployment from the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) to UNOCI of three infantry companies, one aviation unit comprising of two military utility helicopters, and three armed helicopters with crew, under the inter-mission cooperation arrangements provided for in paragraphs 4 to 6 of Security Council resolution 1609 (2005) and in paragraph 6 of resolution 1938 (2010).

With regard to the transfer of three infantry companies, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Alain Le Roy, indicated during a briefing to the Council on 5 January 2011 that Pakistan had granted a final extension of their temporary deployment and that the three companies would not stay in Côte d'Ivoire beyond January 2011. The three companies accordingly returned to Liberia on 22 January 2011.

Meanwhile, the Secretariat is generating the additional capacities for UNOCI approved under Security Council resolution 1967 (2011) to inter alia replace the three infantry companies borrowed from UNMIL, and will keep the Security Council informed of efforts made in this regard. Should there be a further deterioration in the situation that would require the temporary transfer of troops from UNMIL, as already authorized under Security Council resolution 1968 (2011), the Secretariat will notify the Security Council in advance.

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 1967 (2011) regarding the three armed helicopters with crew, I am pleased to inform the Council that Ukraine has consented to the transfer. The helicopters are expected to redeploy to Côte d'Ivoire by 24 February 2011.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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